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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, May 5, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead. The City Manager and City Attorney were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Ed Dietrich led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Hugh R. Percy, Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 28, 1959, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that the following Bids would be opened at 10:00 A. M., Wednesday, May 6, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall:

1. SCORING CONCRETE DECK AT V. E. BENSTEAD PLUNGE, and
2. PAINTING AND STRIPING V. E. BENSTEAD PLUNGE.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavits of Publication of Notice calling for Bids.

Upon motion by Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Jahn, with no objections, this was received and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids on:

3. ABANDONMENT AND SALE OF LOT P-6, TORRANCE TRACT: *See Min. 5/12/59*
City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Upon motion by Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Jahn, this was accepted and ordered filed, there being no objections.

City Clerk Bartlett announced that no bids had been received.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said he had received no bids.

Mayor Isen said that if it were acceptable, he would bid \$1 on this lot for the purpose of donating the lot to the Torrance Gun Club.

The City Attorney said the call had been for sealed bids, and as none had been received, the hearing should be continued.

Councilman Jahn moved to continue the hearing on the abandonment and sale of Lot P-6 to Tuesday, May 12, 1959, at 8:00 P. M.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen explained the Council's procedure to the audience.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An April 27, 1959, letter from C. J. Doherty, Vice President of the Chanslor-Western Oil & Development Co., consented to the rezoning of the land owned by the company south of Monterey St. between the east property line thereof and Maple Ave., to our P-zone (Parking and Planting) for a depth of 100' south of the southerly boundary of Monterey Street.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed, with a copy sent to the

Planning Commission.

Councilman Beasley thought the original should go to the Planning Commission.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered that the proper information be forwarded to the Planning Commission, with the consent to be filed correctly.

2. A letter from Shirley Schwarz, Secretary of the Monterey Residents' Committee, was dated April 29, 1959. In the letter, Mrs. Schwarz conveyed to the Council their request that a final Hearing on Case 526 be heard before the Council.

Mayor Isen reported that a Hearing on this property was to be held before the Planning Commission on May 6, and requested the City Attorney to advise Mrs. Schwarz of this by telephone.

Mr. Alan Moore, 1741 Elm, said the Hearing May 6 before the Planning Commission is to be on Case 573. He reviewed the two cases orally to the Council.

Councilman Beasley said Case No. 526 had not been completed by the Planning Commission, and until the Council has a letter of transmittal on it from them, the Council has nothing on which to hold a hearing.

Mayor Isen believed that Councilman Bradford's motion made at the time the Mahon purchase was before the Council had terminated all further hearings on Case No. 526.

The City Attorney, in reply to a question, said the Council had no authority to terminate Hearings under our ordinance. The Planning Commission had held 2 hearings on Case No. 526, but had not reached a decision. In the meantime, the other matter had come up and he believed that by the action taken on the P-zone it had been implied that the other case would be at an end. He explained that legally, there cannot be two proceedings at one time on one parcel of land.

Mayor Isen asked if Case No. 526 could accompany the other Case when it is brought to the Council.

The City Attorney said the two Hearings could not be held concurrently.

Councilman Beasley thought the Council should ask the Planning Commission for their recommendation on Case No. 526, as none had come to the Council.

Councilman Jahn asked to have the Minutes on Case 526, as he felt the Case had come here and had been returned to the Planning Commission.

The City Attorney said there is no record of that having taken place; the Council cannot have the two changes of zone on the same land coming in at the same time. If the technicality of having the first proceeding continued is going to be a point, the case should be disposed of first. The correct legal procedure would be to dispose of the first case first.

Councilman Beasley said if the Planning Commission concluded their hearings on Case 526 and transmitted a recommendation to the Council, he would want to know if the Council could not zone the land as they thought best at that time.

The City Attorney said not unless the land owner consented and the proper legal advertising had been carried.

Mayor Isen felt this put the Council in a quandary, as it would be entirely possible for the land owner to withdraw their consent to the 100' P-zone if the other hearings are re-held.

The City Attorney said as a practical matter, if no one objected, there would be no reason to continue Case No. 526 if a reasonable use for the land was found. If there are objections, however, he felt the Case No. 526 should be finished before the other plan was considered.

Councilman Drale asked if the Council, when hearing Case No. 526, could not zone the land as they thought best.

The City Attorney repeated his former statement on this.

Mayor Isen moved this letter be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

The City Attorney said the petition for a Change of Zone and the advertising must state the zone being considered.

Councilman Bradford thought the Planning Commission might be out of order in holding hearings on the P-zone if Case 526 had not been clarified.

Mayor Isen said it had been Councilman Bradford's motion which had killed Case No. 526, as, at the time the Mahon matter was here he had moved that the zone 'remain' as it was.

Mayor Isen's statement was questioned by Councilman Bradford, who said Case No. 526 had never been presented here.

Mayor Isen felt the motion had killed the Case.

Councilman Drale thought we should dispose of Case No. 526.

Councilman Bradford reiterated that Case No. 526 had never been presented here; he said the Planning Commission and Council had met about the property being sold to Mahon and about the 50' set-back.

Mayor Isen thought the effect of Councilman Bradford's motion had been to terminate the proceedings on this area before the Planning Commission and leave the land as it was. There were several things pending before the Commission, one of which had been Case No. 526.

Councilman Bradford said the Planning Commission had been present when this was handed to the Council, and they had not said anything about it.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion to file, and Councilman Beasley withdrew his second to the motion.

Councilman Jahn said the City Attorney had told the Council they do not have the authority to make such a decision without the proper advertising. He moved to direct the Planning Commission to discontinue any further hearings on Case No. 573 involving the same property, and to continue the Hearings on Case No. 526 and to transmit their decision to the Council so the 3rd and final hearing on Case No. 526 can be held.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

In reply to a question from the Council, the City Attorney said he believed the only law involved here is our Land Use procedure.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Moore to convey to the Monterey group he represented the information that the Council would proceed as they had requested, but to inform them as well that during the time this is going on, the owners of the land could proceed to build according to the zone on the land. This request from them has slowed down our acceptance of the 100' P-zone, and has lengthened the time when a 50' P-zone is all that is required.

D. F. Hagan, 1751 Elm, asked if Case No. 573 could not run concurrently, and the Mayor said it could not.

Mayor Isen explicitly outlined to Messrs. Moore and Hagan the possibility of the landowner withdrawing his consent to the 100' P-zone if the residential zoning is re-considered; the time element would be lengthened so much by this that a great many changes can take place.

The City Attorney agreed.

Councilman Beasley said this requested a procedure which would delay the P-zone by a period of from 6 to 8 weeks.

Mr. Moore told the Council this was not the fault of the residents, and expressed his belief that if the Planning Commission had finished Case No. 526 this would not have been necessary. He said the residents feel that legally Case No. 573 could not be considered until Case No. 526 was completed, and they would like to see this out of the way as soon as possible.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if this meant Case No. 526 must be heard first, and the City Attorney replied that it does.

Councilman Blount said the hearing set for tomorrow night would have to be postponed until 526 is done, and if the Planning Commission meets on the day after the Council acts on Case 526, and sends their recommendation on the other case promptly, it will still be at least 5 weeks before the P-zone can properly be before the Council.

The City Attorney said it will have to be re-advertised and new proceedings instituted. He said he would prefer that this be carefully set forth, as, if the Mahon case is taken to court for any reason he would prefer that we would have complied fully with the law.

Councilman Blount assumed the Council would have finished with Case No. 526 in 3 weeks; if the Commission meets the next night and re-institutes the matter, with advertising as required, then it will be 5 weeks before the first hearing can be held on Case No. 573.

The City Attorney agreed.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Moore that Case No. 573 had been a comedy of errors, and a regrettable lack of communication had prevailed in it. He believed, however, that this procedure requested tonight would make it possible for us to have many more snags between now and the time the matter is completed. He wanted the residents of the area to know they could lose a great deal of progress in the matter by this insistence on technicalities.

Mr. Bill Rogers, 1744 Iris, asked if this meant all the agreements in Case No. 573 are now void, and Mayor Isen said no, but they could be in case the landowner wished to withdraw his consent.

Mr. Rogers did not think that could be right.

Mayor Isen told the group interested in this that the Council would be glad to hear them later in the meeting if they wished to ask that Case No. 526 be dropped; otherwise, the Attorney was directed to transmit this section of the Minutes to the Planning Commission for their guidance at their meeting of tomorrow night.

3. An April 29, 1959, letter from the R. C. Mahon Co., signed by Walter G. Mitchell of 2303 Jefferson St., stated that they would conform with the 50' buffer zone in effect at the time they bought the land south of Monterey St. and west of Crenshaw, and that they would have no manufacturing or fabricating facilities within 100' of the southern boundary of Monterey.

Councilman Jahn moved this be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

4. An April 23, 1959, letter from the State Division of Highways and signed by B. S. Burgess, District Traffic Engineer, requested that the City enact an ordinance establishing a 'no parking' zone along the south side of Pacific Coast Highway at Crenshaw.

Councilman Beasley moved the proper ordinance be prepared and presented to the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

5. An April 25, 1959, letter from Ted R. Carroll of the Airport Commission reported on his absence from, and his planned attendance at, meetings of the Airport Commission.

Councilman Beasley moved this be filed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

6. An April 30, 1959, letter from the County Sanitation Districts was signed by J. R. Foster, Secretary. The letter named Mayor Isen as our Director on the District, and Councilman Jahn as the alternate, and asked that they be notified if that information is no longer correct.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Jahn if he could continue to serve as alternate, and Councilman Jahn said he could.

Councilman Jahn moved they be notified that there is no change.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated May 1, 1959, the City Manager submitted his miscellaneous recommendations to the Council for their consideration and approval, as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS:

- a. To Arrow Engineering Co., Inc., for engineering services during the month of March, 1959, the sum of \$576.84.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. A request has been made for a sewer connection to property at 24212-24226 So. Crenshaw Blvd. The property to be served is currently outside of the City of Torrance, but it is anticipated that said property will be annexed in the relatively near future.

I recommend that the request be granted, subject to the standard connection fees for such connections, also subject to approval by the Director of Public Works based on sewer main capacity studies which are now being made. (Copy of request submitted).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

- b. Inquiries have been received regarding the purchase of the Civic Auditorium located at the corner of Cravens and El Prado. If the Council feels that this is an opportune time to consider such a sale, the City Manager should be authorized to advertise for the sale and to have the proper appraisals made in the interim.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Manager be so authorized to proceed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

2. With a letter dated April 30, 1959, the City Manager submitted a request from the Fire Department for an appropriation of \$425 to replace damaged wall at Fire Station No. 4. He reported that the City is attempting to, and will, in all probability, recover this amount from the party causing the damage.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Manager in this request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated April 29, 1959, C. L. Bone, Assistant City Manager, submitted a memorandum of action taken by the Council appointed committee on outside employment for consideration by the Council. They made the following recommendations:

- a. The outside work be compatible with and no way conflict with City employment.
- b. The outside employment shall be determined to be non-hazardous, nor the type of work where the likelihood of injury or strain could result, or cause undue fatigue which could result in undermining of health and interference with the performance of city work.

- c. The time schedule for outside work would in no way interfere with that of city work, nor would the location of outside work prevent response of an employee subject to emergency calls.
- d. That outside work shall be considered a 'privilege' and not a 'right'.
- e. That no more than an absolute maximum of 16 hours of other than city employment may be worked during any 7-day week.
- f. That employees shall be required to furnish to the city the following:
 - 1. A statement and proof from the employee or his prospective employer that he has adequate Workmen's Compensation Insurance coverage in his outside employment;
 - 2. A statement from the proposed prospective employer indicating that no other person is available to do the work;
 - 3. A statement from the ~~employee~~ or prospective employer that the work is of a part-time and temporary nature;
 - 4. A statement indicating the nature of the work, location and proposed work schedule.

The letter also contained their recommendations on penalties, the necessary amendments, and the consideration by Council of a change of Fire Department schedules.

Mr. Boris Woolley, attorney for the plaintiffs in a suit against the City in the matter. He said he also represented a majority of the City's employees.

Councilman Beasley thought the suit had been withdrawn, and Mr. Woolley said it had.

Councilman Beasley excused himself from the meeting at 6:10 P. M.

Mr. Woolley said the employees generally do not object to the Committee's report; in substance they think it is proper. If it is properly administered, he thought it would work out. If it is not properly administered, he thought it would be time to proceed with other litigation to determine whether or not it is constitutional. He said, on behalf of the employees, that he thought the report was too complicated and there were too many strings attached to it. He thought this could be put on a rather sound basis if we put it on the basis that a man could work on outside employment if it is not going to interfere with his city job. He said each man is going to have to submit it to the head of his department; that is the Committee's recommendation, and Mr. Woolley thought that was all right. He asked why put on it all the other strings, saying he thought the Committee's report is too long and too complicated. He said they feel there is no difference, and no greater justification, for controlling employment activities of a worker than non-employment activities. Mr. Woolley said if he had any point on which to address the Council, he would like to address that one point.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Woolley to go over that again, and Mr. Woolley did.

Mr. Woolley said he thought their point was this: is there any more reasonable justification of controlling employment activities.

Mayor Isen, upon the assumption that Councilman Beasley did wish to hear this, declared a recess at 6:15 P. M., with the Council reconvening at 6:25 P. M., including Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen returned to the letter from Mrs. Schwarz, and asked if there was any way this could be transmitted to the Planning Commission for their meeting of May 6.

Councilman Bradford said his motion, mentioned by the Mayor in the preceding conversation on Case No. 526, had not in any way referred to Case No. 526.

Mayor Isen said the motion had been to 'leave the property as it was', and he had interpreted it to mean that any re-zoning under way should be dropped.

Councilman Bradford did not agree, and reiterated that Case No. 526 had not been presented to the Council.

The secretary informed the Mayor that the portion of these Minutes to which he referred would be typed in the morning, and Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to transmit them to the Planning Commission for their meeting of May 6.

Mr. Woolley said his point was that either employment or non-employment activities outside of work, if the city is going to suffer by it, there should be some control by heads of departments. He went on to say that was what the Committee had recommended, and that the employees would agree with that and go along with it.

Councilman Jahn asked to stop him there; he believed it was Mr. Woolley's contention that if a person was working for the city or for anyone else, that the employer would have no right to tell the employee that he had no right to get another job. He asked if that was Mr. Woolley's point.

Mr. Woolley was not sure he understood Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Jahn illustrated his point by saying that if he hired a carpenter to work an 8-hour shift, and the carpenter got another job to go to when he finished the 8-hour shift, and if the employer wished he could ask the employee to take his choice of the jobs.

Mr. Woolley said the employer would have a right to do that.

Councilman Jahn asked then how Mr. Woolley could make such a statement as he had that the City cannot curtail the outside employment of city employees. He asked if Mr. Woolley had not just said the city, as an employer, could so do.

Mr. Woolley said he did not think so.

Councilman Jahn said then he had misunderstood Mr. Woolley.

Mr. Woolley addressed Councilman Jahn, saying there are some cities, and he believed only one in California, Long Beach, which have complete and absolute prohibition of outside employment. Mr. Woolley did not know whether this had been tested in the courts or not.

Councilman Jahn rejoined that his point was this: Maybe Torrance ought to become a leader; we sometimes have not, but maybe we should. In other words, he thought if a man worked 8 hours a day, possibly he would have expended his full energy, and that if he works somewhere else - and he said he had nothing against a man working longer because he has to himself - but at least, if he has to work somewhere else to get ahead - and every man has that right, he added, - then it should be on a controlled basis so the city knows exactly what is going on, with all the provisions in here to outline how it is to be done.

Mr. Woolley said they do not disagree with Councilman Jahn's major premise at all. He said they agree, and think there should be some control of the city so it would know what the men are doing. They do not disagree on that at all. He added that he thought no matter how many rules and regulations are laid down, or how much red tape there is, we would come down to this point: if it affects the city to the city's detriment, the city has a right to control that outside employment, or outside activity, whether it is non-employment activity or not.

Councilman Jahn said he would not disagree on that.

Mr. Woolley said then they are agreed; so to fix a definite limitation of hours is, in his opinion, objectionable. Mr. Woolley said the County of Los Angeles, for example, has a 24-hour limitation, and he thought that this month it had been brought up again before the Board of Supervisors for all Los Angeles County, and the 24-hour maximum limit

was not changed. The City of Los Angeles has no control of outside employment, nor does the State of California have such rules. He thought such rules should state 'reasonable hours', instead of a hard and fast rule on hours, so that if there are emergencies they can be met.

Mr. Woolley said he still has the Blue Cross insurance from the days when he was the City Prosecutor, but it does not pay his medical bills. He said that could be used as one example. If the Council was to take a realistic approach to it, he said 16 hours may not pay the bills. He asked why that could not be put on a reasonable basis. Mr. Woolley said then if a man is in real trouble it could be met.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Woolley is suggesting we go back to the 56-hour work week, and Mr. Woolley said he was not at all.

Mayor Isen said it sounded like it to him, but Mr. Woolley said he was not suggesting that.

Councilman Beasley told Mr. Woolley where he stood; he said he was in agreement with the Committee report, except that while he was in agreement with its adoption, it was simply as a matter of policy, with the burden and responsibility of its enforcement or its change being in the hands of the City Manager and the Department Heads. No law, or anything else, he said, just adopting it as a general policy. Which ever way he votes tonight, that is the way he wants his vote interpreted. He thought if we did not have a City Manager and Department Heads who can control their subordinate people, and have their subordinates work under them so that they are giving them adequate returns to the City for what we pay them, he felt it was time to look for somebody else for department heads.

Mr. Woolley agreed.

Councilman Beasley thought this was an administrative responsibility.

Mr. Woolley agreed with him, and said he thought the Department Heads would have to be as fair and honest in administering and evaluating the outside work as the men and women who work for the City are in disclosing their outside employment.

Councilman Beasley said even if we adopt this number of hours, he thought there would be cases when we want to change them.

Mr. Woolley agreed.

Councilman Beasley said that was the reason he thought we should leave this to the heads of the departments.

Councilman Bradford said most of these work at least 40 hours a week, and he asked if the men in the fire department do not work more than 40 hours a week, as they work 24-hour shifts.

Fire Chief Benner replied that they work about 70 hours a week.

Councilman Bradford said of course they sleep on the job, as they sleep at the fire house when on duty. He said the thing he was getting at was what he does not think is fair for the welfare and safety of the people of Torrance. If a man is on his job 70 hours a week, and say he doesn't have to fight fires, and does get a chance, perhaps, to sleep part of that time; a man's efficiency starts to drop very readily when he is working over his 40 hours a week, on a long haul. Tests were run during the last war on this. They found out when a man was working 7 days a week, 12 hours a day, depending on whether he was working days, swing, or graveyard, their efficiency starts to drop off. Councilman Bradford said he just hated to think of these men working outside and their efficiency starts to drop just at the time of an emergency when you need them. Councilman Bradford said he did not feel that when a man can serve two masters, working at his job and working for somebody else and coming back; somebody is getting slighted.

Mr. Woolley said he did not have a very good answer to this, but it was very graphic. The fireman who is working on a job where the fire department knows where he is, working on a second job, is going to be more available in an emergency if he is called out than is the fireman who has no other job and no outside activity and is down at some bar and is drunk.

Councilman Bradford said he would buy that, but if, for example, a little bit further, say we have a fireman who has worked 24 hours

and then he is off. Say he then goes to work for a contractor, maybe he's digging a ditch, maybe he's unloading building materials, and it is hard work. Say the man has for 6 or 7 hours when a disaster comes. He's already put in a 24-hour shift, and he has put in a real hard labor shift; the man might as well stay at home. Councilman Bradford did not think he was going to have the stamina to carry on in a real emergency. Councilman Bradford said he thought that was just his own opinion.

Mr. Woolley said the fireman in such a case would have his efficiency impaired, and his Department Head, as Mr. Beasley had said, should find that out or he should not be a department head. You would need another man.

Councilman Bradford said he would not buy that, not at all.

Mr. Woolley said he had to do a good job working for the city or not; the department head could tell.

Mayor Isen directed a question to Fire Chief Benner, asking whether, on the fireman's shift, he would work 70 hours consecutively in a week.

Fire Chief Benner said no, that they work 24 hours on and 24 hours off, and 3 times a month they get a 24-hour shift off.

Mayor Isen asked if there is any week when they do not work at all.

Chief Benner repeated his description of the working hours at the Fire Department. He said there are no weeks when they do not work. He said the Council had given them the 3 working shifts off each month.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if we would not have to put something in the form of an ordinance, or an amendment, as we already have an ordinance a certain way, to do this, saying he would want to know if we could adopt a matter of policy that would be against an ordinance already in affect.

The City Attorney said Councilman Jahn was right.

Councilman Blount said we could not set a matter of policy; while we were talking about this he wanted to find out something. He said no City Council in the City of Torrance passed that ordinance. It was passed at an election, and it was put on the ballot by the people Mr. Woolley represents, and that should be known by everybody. No City Council had put that ordinance on the books. It was put on the ballot and voted on by the people of this City, and it was drawn and circulated by members of, primarily, the Fire and Police Departments. If we change policy, he added, it would be like whistling the second verse of Dixie. He said as to amending, the Council had been told they could amend. He said they had been told for 10 years we could not amend the ordinance; now all of a sudden we can. That's beside the point, Councilman Blount added. If we are going to make some changes, Councilman Blount pointed out, we are going to have to amend some ordinances. So, addressing Councilman Beasley, the policy matter would not serve, Councilman Blount added. It is either the law or it is not.

Mayor Isen agreed.

Councilman Beasley said he had been informed at the last meeting that we could repeal those two ordinances, and he asked the City Attorney if that was right.

The City Attorney said it was right. He said it would take an ordinance to repeal an ordinance. There are two ways this could be done, he said, as follows:

- 1) An outright repeal of the ordinance, and
- 2) if the Council wished to adopt the recommendation of the Committee, they could do that by an amendment to the Civil Service rules or could do it by amending the ordinance.

The City Attorney said this could be done by amending the ordinance, but he said that in effect that would be repealing the ordinance and adopting a new one.

Councilman Beasley said if the Council should adopt such a matter as policy, even though there was an ordinance in existence as there has been for a long time, and if the department heads all knew that as Council policy, there would be no question of anyone losing their jobs

as long as they maintained the sufficiency of that policy. He asked the City Attorney if this was not right, saying it might not be purely legal.

The City Attorney said that was right, but it may be difficult for the administration to operate under such a system.

Mayor Isen asked to be heard, and said for the benefit of the Committee, that he would like to talk several things over that bothered him. First, there is the matter of Workmen's Compensation. They have taken care of that under the matter of policy, as there would have to be proof of adequate coverage.

Mayor Isen said he realized that City employees wanted to get the extra hours and get the extra income so they can provide more for their families. From his experience, however, the City jobs are coveted jobs. He said many people call him to see about getting on Civil Service jobs and get going with the City. He thought they would agree with him. He said he was willing to go along with any type of a situation which would not put the City employees out on the market competing with labor which is trying to get jobs. He said if a party comes in and tries to get a job with the City and he's too far down on the list to be hired, or he is too old, or he's a Canadian or an Australian, he isn't working in private industry, and he doesn't seem to be able to get a job, and you try to locate him a job and it is just about impossible to do. If these City employees, working 40 hours a week, which is the recognized standard of what is right and reasonable, are going to get into the labor market, these people who want employment will find it even harder. This is what bothers him and has from the beginning.

At this time Mayor Isen read from a strip from a metropolitan newspaper of yesterday, in which Mr. Lubel says that employment is out of step with recovery. Mayor Isen skipped around the clipping, which said about 20% of factory employees interviewed in a survey feel insecure on their jobs, and other statistics.

Mayor Isen said the City's employees do not have that problem.

Mayor Isen referred anyone interested to the clipping.

Mayor Isen said he thought the people should look to the public at large for a solution to this problem. He said if he were having a hard time finding a job and found he was having to compete with an employee of this City who was working 40 hours each week regularly, all the way through the year, without layoffs, with all the fringe benefits he receives, he would resent it very much.

Mayor Isen said on the Committee's report, he thought it meant on more of a part-time nature rather than of a temporary nature; he did not think each or any of the employees would take a job for 6 hours on a Saturday and then try to find another employer three months later. We might as well be realistic, he said. He thought that should read 'and/or', and that work of a temporary nature would not enter into this thing at all to his way of thinking. What they are going to look for, he said, is a part-time job; that is, if they look for anything at all in the way of outside employment. He did not think they would be working in one place on one Saturday afternoon and another place on a Friday evening, and so forth. That would be very unusual.

Mayor Isen said there should be a compromise somewhere here so there would not be competition with the general labor market.

Secondly, Mayor Isen said he did not think this was tight enough in his opinion. He said he had read some of the recommendations of other cities, and he thought the city employees, each 6 months, should file an affidavit of his job activity of the past 6 months, and of his present status, so it can be reviewed.

Councilman Beasley thought that would be a good statement for the department head to act on.

Mayor Isen granted that, but said he agreed with Councilman Blount that we cannot have an ordinance saying 'no work' and then have a policy allowing work. If there is a way of working it out, and he thought the

Committee had gone a long way toward working it out, he would be in favor of it, but only if the head of the departments and ultimately the City Manager were called on to determine whether that work was not helping with the general unemployment problem. He did not think we had any right to do that. He thought we were contributing to a situation where a lot of people want everything, but many people have nothing and are in a distressed condition.

Councilman Jahn said under Item C, under No. 6 of the report, it had been the feeling of the Committee that there should not be a person who will go to work for an employer on a 16-hour a week basis for a period of years. By doing that they are doing someone out of a job. If the people want to go out now and then and pick up work it is all right. The Committee would not want the 'and/or' there.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Council adopt the Committee's report and direct the City Attorney to embody these suggestions in an ordinance to amend the ordinance that we have now in effect.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen asked if he would add to that that each 6 months the City's employees should file an affidavit as he had suggested.

Councilman Jahn did not think that was necessary in the ordinance. He thought if Mr. Stevens wanted to ask for this every month he could.

Councilman Beasley moved an amendment to the motion, that the recommendations be changed from 16 hours to a 'reasonable time' to be determined by the department head.

This motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen moved an amendment to the motion that every 6 months the department heads require a work affidavit from the employees of the past 6 months and the current status of work of the employee. He thought without this the whole thing was nothing but talk.

Councilman Drale addressed the Mayor, saying that before we started this particular problem, it was the unanimous opinion of this City Council that there should be no outside work. He had also made the statement that if there was any deviation from that, then we might as well throw this out the window. He said they had spent some time on this, and that he kind of went along with Mr. Woolley a little bit. He said they had evaluated several cities; several only allowed 8 hours outside work, instead of the 24. We had tried to come to a happy medium. He thought that with all the work and everything which was done, and realizing that there are a lot of details here which can be worked out a little later, as there were a lot of things they could have mentioned that they would probably have to approve from Mr. Stevens' office, but he thought this was favorable and fair to everybody concerned. He did not agree on the 6-month report.

Mayor Isen said under #6, Item c, all that would have to be added would be a statement about the nature of the work, the location of the work, to be filed every 6 months.

Councilman Jahn said every time you put something very specific, you are getting in more trouble than if you leave it just like it is. The employee has to give his proposed work schedule. If he is going to work 4 Saturdays for employer A, 4 hours a day, he would be giving just exactly what the Mayor wants, except that with this requirement he would have to do it every six months.

Councilman Blount said what if he changed his mind the next week, and revises his work schedule.

Councilman Jahn said then he would have to come in and change his schedule.

Mayor Isen said this does not say so; he said it is a loophole.

Councilman Blount seconded Mayor Isen's motion to amend the motion.

Councilman Jahn asked what this had been, and Mayor Isen said to clarify it, he would move that every six months there should be filed a statement from the employee indicating the nature of the work, the proposed work schedule, to be filed on institution of any work by an employee; he asked the City Attorney to help him with the wording of this.

Councilman Blount did not think it necessary to word this now, saying he thought the intent of his proposed amendment was clear. If he wanted to put in a time certain, he could. He thought the attorney could handle this.

Councilman Jahn, with permission of his second, accepted the amendment to his motion.

Councilman Bradford asked the City Attorney if we can amend this ordinance.

The City Attorney said it was the opinion of City Attorneys before Mr. Hall and himself that the Council could not. He said he and Mr. Hall are agreed it can be done. A couple of years ago, he had brought the revised proposed Civil Service Ordinance before the Council; at that time he had written an opinion and reviewed the question. He had devoted a considerable amount of time to it, as Mr. Hall had done before him. He said they do not know that the ordinance can be amended; no one knows, because it is a very close question. When the Council asks for an opinion, he said we normally go on one side of the line or the other. He said Mr. Hall and he both believe that this could be amended, but nobody knows and there is no way of being certain because the language of the Charter is not clear on the subject of the amendment of this particular ordinance. The only way that we can ever be even reasonably sure of this is to have it tried out in the courts.

Mayor Isen moved to amend Item 1, 'the outside work must be compatible with and in no way conflict with city employment', as follows, saying we should remember when we had watchmen and objections from unions and other guards, and said he believed Item 1 should have added to it 'and not be competitive with the general labor market.'

Councilman Jahn said with that restriction, they could not work in any way.

Mayor Isen said it is determined that there is tremendous unemployment, and people who can take the part time jobs.

Councilman Bradford said with 4,300,000 people unemployed, it is not right. He seconded the amendment. He said he felt this had raised a question which is so confusing that no one will know what they are doing. He said this destroyed all that had been set up.

The amendment failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilman Bradford did not think we could amend this ordinance, as it was set up by ballot. He said he wanted to know if we could.

Councilman Jahn moved the question on his motion as amended.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilman Beasley said he is in agreement in general with everything the Committee had recommended, and he recognizes the problem. He did not think, however, any law passed by the City Council could take the place of administration. He agrees in general with this, but does not believe it should be made into a firm ordinance.

Mayor Isen said it would require administration to apply this ordinance.

The Mayor directed the City Attorney to prepare the proper ordinance and present it to the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. With a letter dated April 30, 1959, Secretary Bradford of the Civil Service Board submitted to the Council a job description for Assistant City Attorney, with a salary range of 62, and authorized him to order an unassembled examination as soon as this had been officially approved by your office and the City Council. The letter was addressed to the City Manager.

Mayor Isen asked why criminal cases were not included in the duties

of this Assistant, as he might be needed on that work now and then.

Councilman Blount agreed, saying as it is it ties him to civil cases only.

It was agreed to make this change, and it was agreed to allow for the Assistant City Attorney to attend the Council meetings in case the City Attorney is ill or away.

Councilman Jahn moved this job description be approved with the changes mentioned here, and with the addition of the following: 'such other duties as the City Attorney directs'.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Bradford noted the duplication of "Membership in the California State Bar and admission to practice before the California Supreme Court" under both Minimum Qualifications and Special Requirements in the job description. He asked the reason for the duplication.

The City Attorney replied that he did not write the job description, and did not know the reason for the duplication. He could see no reason for this duplication, and no reason for not striking this in one place.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL DEFENSE & DISASTER COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated April 29, 1959, R. H. Ellis, Chairman of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission submitted their recommendation that we establish an alternate site of government in South Torrance, and that the proposed site for a Fire Station at Torrance Municipal Airport is a satisfactory location.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur if and when we build the fire station at the Airport.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who expressed the hope that the Civil Defense Commission could get some money to help with the project from the Federal agency concerned.

Councilman Blount asked if we are going to set up another site of government than this City Hall.

Mayor Isen said this would be an alternate site planned to be used for government only in case of a disaster or emergency, and in the meantime to be put to other good uses.

Councilman Blount did not think this should be an elaborate center.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

By common consent, the first 4 items from the License Department, listed herewith, were considered at one time:

1. An April 24, 1959, letter from the Southwood National Little League, signed by E. Mooney, Pres., asked for a free license for a concession stand. This bore the approval of License Inspector Whitacre, subject to necessary permits.
2. An April 28, 1959, letter from Berthamæ Davis for the Torrance Central Little League asked for a free license for a concession stand. This bore the approval of License Inspector Whitacre subject to the necessary permits.
3. An April 28, 1959, letter from Quintin R. Skaggs, Chairman, asked for a free license to sell doughnuts for BSA Cub Pack No. 211C from May 9 to May 23, inclusive. This bore the approval of License Inspector Whitacre, subject to certain stipulations.
4. An April 28, 1959, letter from J. Helphand, Chairman, for BSA Troop #211 asked for a free license to conduct a pancake breakfast on May 16, 1959, at Save-Mart Market. This bore the approval of License Inspector Whitacre.

Councilman Bradford could not see why these had to come here, saying we have a License Inspector who is diligent and could attend to these things.

Mayor Isen explained to him that they had to come here because the requests involve fees.

Councilman Blount asked to have Item 2 voted on separately, and this was approved.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur on Items 11, 3, and 4, with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector on Item 12.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

5. A letter from the 'Lawndale Monday Eves, C.F.W.C.,' requested permission to solicit funds for a fireworks show in Alondra Park on July 4. The letter bore the recommendation for approval of License Inspector Whitacre.

Councilman Jahn moved the letter be filed, saying we have too many solicitations now.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Blount asked that a reply be sent, and Councilman Jahn moved that the License Inspector to notify this group that the Council did not feel we should open the doors to more solicitations in the City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitted to the Council a memo addressed to him by Lee Schlens, Supt. of Building Inspection. In the memorandum, Mr. Schlens said that Mr. Dresser had submitted to him proof of fulfillment of requirements for building permit in the area served by the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3. Mr. Dresser's application for a building permit had been held pending such proof.

Mr. Schlens was present, and informed the Council of the expenses already incurred by Mr. Dresser, as presented to him.

Mayor Isen moved Mr. Dresser be given the permit.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

2. Mr. Peebles submitted to the Council a memorandum from Mr. Schlens addressed to him, concerning a request from the Torrance Furniture Co., Inc., to erect a banner sign on an existing cable above the store which they now occupy. The memorandum explained that this would require Council approval, and suggested that if it were granted the usual requirements as to bond and time limit be set.

A memo from Mr. Peebles was appended, stating that he concurred in the recommendation. He submitted with the memo a copy of the letter from Torrance Furniture Co.

Mr. Schlens was present, and said the sign will be on the existing cable, and will not exist past the curb.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant this request, with the usual bond, insurance, etc., with with the usual time limit.

At the request of Mr. Schlens, Councilman Jahn amended his motion to require that we receive a certificate of insurance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and as there were no objections it was so ordered.

3. With a letter dated April 30, 1959, R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer, presented his report in connection with the levying of the SECOND INSTALLMENT in Street Lighting District No. 1, as follows:

- a) The estimated cost and expense of the improvement for the ensuing 12-month period, beginning November 1, 1959, and ending October 31, 1960, is \$85,912.33;
- b) The Assessment Diagram and Plan No. L-1-58 referred to in said Resolution of Intention No. 3484;
- c) The Assessment Roll showing the legal description, the County Assessor's Code Number, and the amount of the SECOND INSTALLMENT levy for each parcel of land within the assessment district referred to in said Resolution of Intention No. 3484.

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk had given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

The City Clerk assigned the numbers and read the titles to the ordinances and resolutions shown subsequently in these Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3676

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER DATED APRIL 30, 1959, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3484, DATED JUNE 17, 1958, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON THE DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-1-58, (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1), FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3676.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

4. With a letter of transmittal dated February 13, 1959, the Acting City Engineer, R. W. Bishop, resubmitted: TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 17203, located easterly of Henrietta St. and northerly of Emerald St. containing 40 lots, submitted by Mr. Don Wilson. Attached to this were:

- a. Letter from Geo. Powell, Planning Director, dated 2/12/59;
- b. Excerpt from Minutes of Planning Commission of 2/4/59;
- c. Letter from A.E. McVicar, Supt., MWD #3, of 2/13/59;
- d. L. A. County Flood Control Dist. letter dated 1/26/59;
- e. J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., letter dated 1/20/59;
- f. Sketch of tract.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve this with all special conditions but omitting any reference to water service.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilman Beasley said we have had several tracts approved lately

with the street signs and lights to be installed, but they have not been. He asked why they have not.

It was explained that the street lights are now required in tracts by one of the City's ordinances.

Councilman Beasley referred to the tract in which his home is located, and asked why the lights have not been put in there.

Acting City Engineer Bishop said the tract had been approved before the ordinance was adopted.

Councilman Beasley did not agree, and Mr. Bishop said he would check this.

At 7:15 P. M., the Council recessed, reconvening at 7:20 P. M. Councilman Blount did not return from the recess.

"Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, recommended that: *see Minutes*

- a. We be given permission to remove the redwood fence as per sketch submitted;
- b. That providing permission is granted as requested under (a) above, that Mr. Arthur Moore be allowed to remove all the redwood fence and leave site clean and ready for chain-link fence installation. Mr. Moore will pay the city \$1 for the fence, and furnish all labor for its removal. Removal will be completed within three days upon notice to commence work.
- c. That the Harris Fence Company of Long Beach, the low bidder at \$1,520 for the fence as per specifications and plans submitted be awarded the contract as borne out in bid summary submitted."

The City Manager reported that the motion, shown as concurrence with Mr. Peebles' recommendation, should have been "To award the contract to the Harris Fence Co. for a woven wire fence per bids submitted, with the funds to come from the Unappropriated Reserve."

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed the Secretary to submit this correction in full with the Minutes of this May 12 meeting of the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, and to accept the bid of Hawkins & Hawkins with all other bids being rejected.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount, Benstead absent).

7. With a letter dated April 23, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted a map of Carson St. between Crenshaw and Western Ave., and the recommendation of the Staff that Carson St. between the High School and Western Ave. be recommended 80' in width.

A May 1 memo from the City Manager agreed that this seemed advisable.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Staff and City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. An April 29, 1959, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation for approval of Collins-Dietrich's proposal for construction on their leasehold, with plans to be available at the meeting.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount absent).

Mr. Dietrich was present, and thanked the Council for their consideration in this matter.

2. With a letter dated April 29, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation that a lease with certain terms and conditions with Acme Aircraft Co. be approved.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if it would be well to specify the amount of expenditures to be set for the improvements.

Councilman Jahn said he thought this would be very difficult to do, as they may use some of their own labor, and they alone know exactly what must be done.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount absent).

3. An April 29, 1959, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation that the conference room adjacent to the Airport Manager's office be offered to certain airport groups as a meeting place; a map showing the location of this room was submitted.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 3677

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3677. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead and Blount absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 3678

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN MODIFICATION OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EL RANCHO ROLLING HILLS, INC., DATED MAY 1, 1959.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3678. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount, Benstead absent).

Mayor Isen said this was a case where the other people benefit, and we are only charging them \$100 for all the work done in the City Attorney's office on this; he felt a more equable charge should have been made.

The City Attorney agreed that this would be reasonable, and said if the Council adopted such a general policy, it could be done.

RESOLUTION NO. 3679

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROTESTING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3679. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 3680

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOHN V. RUSSELL.

Mayor Isen thought there should be a definite final date mentioned in this, saying it establishes a situation which would be an exception to Civil Service. He asked if there was a date set with Mr. Russell.

Lee Schlens, Supt. of Building Inspection, replied that Mr. Russell and he felt in no event could this continue past September 1; this is a job proposed at the present time, and if it is approved in the budget hearings, then the examination must be set up and held.

Mayor Isen asked that the contract authorized by this Resolution have a termination date of September 1, 1959, clearly set forth.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3680, with the September 1 termination date requested by Mayor Isen specified.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated April 29, 1959, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1085, unanimously approved by the Council at its first reading on April 28, 1959, with all Councilmen present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1085

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1085 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount absent).

At 7:30 P. M., Councilman Drale asked to be excused and left the meeting.

2. With a cover letter dated April 29, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1087, which had been unanimously approved by the Council at its first reading on April 28, 1959, with all members of the Council present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1087

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 561.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1087 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount, Drale absent).

3. With a letter dated April 30, 1959, S. E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, submitted an ordinance repealing Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of the City Code, as directed by the Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 1089

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 2.1 AND 2.2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL, AND ELIGIBILITY OF FORMER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AS MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1089 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount, Drale absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

With concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen proclaimed May 10, 1959, as National Insurance Women's Day, and urged our citizens to pay proper tribute to the women who are performing such important services throughout the insurance industry.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Manager Stevens reported that tomorrow night was to be the date of the meeting with the citizens of the Alondra Park area to discuss the questions of annexation. He said that Councilman Drale, the City Attorney, Planning Director, and he were to attend, and invited any other Councilmen who might be able to do so to be present.

Councilman Jahn said he believed he might be able to be there, and Councilman Bradford believed he could attend.

The City Manager said his office would notify them of the place and time of the meeting.

2. The City Manager said the budgets from the various departments are coming in, and about Thursday or Friday of this week he will begin to work with the heads of the departments on them. He said he would be glad to have any Councilmen who wished to attend those meetings do so.

3. The City Manager said we had a letter from the Western Gas & Oil Association about our proposed oil well ordinance. A representative of their group is present to address the Council.

Mr. Chapellier, representing the Association, said he acts for this group in similar matters through the 5 western states, but this was his first appearance in his home City. He said he would simply like to meet with the City Manager and The City Attorney, as well as the heads of the pertinent departments, to discuss our proposed ordinance.

Councilman Bradford said he would be glad to sit in on such a meeting.

Mr. Chapellier said there is one point in the ordinance which should be corrected, although it is only a technicality.

The City Attorney asked that such meeting be set up at least a week from now.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed to meet at 2:00 P. M. Thursday, May 14, in the City Manager's office, with all interested parties present. The City Manager was directed to notify the people in the City who should be present.

4. The City Attorney said in clearing the title of the Airport it would be necessary for the Council to approve the area from which the recapture clause should be removed. He presented a sketch showing the area involved, and it was labelled '1' and dated May 5, 1959; he said the area involved is largely the industrial and commercial area.

The Council inspected the sketch.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Exhibit 1, dated May 5, 1959, the sketch presented here, and that the areas so marked on this Exhibit be those from which we ask the FAA to remove the recapture clause.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount, Drale absent).

5. The City Attorney referred to Lot 43 of the Kissel Tract, where there had been a water problem; he said the Council had requested that the Division of Real Estate include a warning of this problem in the subdivision report. He had a copy of it, and reported that the Director of Public Works, Mr. Peebles, thought this would be enough.

Councilman Jahn asked that the people who buy there should sign a statement that they have read and understand this.

The City Attorney said we could only require fulfillment of the law.

Mr. Peebles told the Council this was recorded against the property and would always be there.

Mayor Isen asked to have a written report on this on the agenda of the next meeting, with a recommendation in black and white, with a copy of the warning and an opinion as to whether this will bind subsequent purchasers.

The City Attorney said this would not be a cloud on the title; it is a notice to the buyer of the fact that there is this problem.

Mayor Isen repeated his request, asking that Messrs. Remelmeyer and Peebles prepare those reports.

6. Concerning the old Japanese Church, Lee Schlens reported that the lot where this was has been completely cleaned.

7. Councilman Beasley announced that the Inter-Cities Highway Committee will be in the Palms Restaurant on May 14, holding their first meeting in our city for a long time. There will be a speaker and a report on their recent trip to Sacramento. He asked that those department heads and City employees who are interested make their reservations now, and he hoped that members of the Council would be there.

8. Councilman Beasley said we have a lighting assessment district, and have recently had a request for street lights from Western to the P. E. Depot on Torrance Blvd. He thought we should follow up on this, and get as many street lights as we can.

9. Councilman Beasley introduced his wife, who was present, and said they are celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary.

The Councilmen present congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Beasley.

10. Mayor Isen asked if the property along Torrance Blvd., just mentioned as part of a possible lighting district, was City property.

The City Manager said it is not.

Councilman Beasley moved this matter be referred to the Public Works Department.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

11. Councilman Bradford asked what had been found out about when Sepulveda would be paved.

Acting City Engineer Bishop said he had talked to the contractor, who said he would like to have a chance to bring in his equipment and fix that drain when he finishes the street.

In reply to a question from Councilman Bradford, Mr. Bishop said the contractor on the job is the Norwalk Asphalt Paving Co.

Councilman Bradford said he wants that paved. He does not care about the inconvenience; he wants this done next week.

Director of Public Works Peebles said this was probably his fault; he had put it on his calendar to call them about this, and while he had talked to them this week it had slipped his mind.

12. Councilman Bradford said there is an empty lot at Gramercy and Carson which has been offered for use as a parking lot.

Councilman Jahn said the Traffic Commission had met with the merchants in that area and asked them to negotiate for that lot.

The City Manager said he had heard nothing of the results of that negotiation.

13. The Mayor asked if we are getting a financial report on Eltinge et al., and the City Manager said yes, our work on that is under way.

The Mayor hoped this would be done right away.

14. Mayor Isen said he had a letter from F. G. Bonnell about the gas tax revenue, and it was referred to the City Attorney to check and reply to if such reply was indicated.

15. Mayor Isen said there was a letter from the Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission asking to have a meeting with the Council.

Councilman Beasley suggested that the joint meeting be held here, and when the work is done that the group adjourn for dinner.

It was agreed that Monday, May 18, at 5:30 P. M. here in the Council Chambers such a meeting could be held, and Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to arrange it.

16. Councilman Beasley moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Blount, Drale absent).

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.



A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance